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1. [REDACTED] Met with Warren Sawall, Executive Assistant to Senator Gaylord Nelson, attempting to make arrangements for a mutually convenient time for the Senator to visit the Agency. They are now suggesting Friday, 22 November. I said I would check into this and advise.

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2. [REDACTED] Met with Senator E. L. Mechem in connection with a letter he had sent to the Director forwarding correspondence from a constituent relating to sites being built in Cuba to hold missiles. I explained to the Senator that we had no way of giving a detailed report on such matters which he could furnish to his constituent but assured him that the subject of Cuba was a continuing high priority of the intelligence community. The Senator completely understood this indicating he really should not have sent this to us in the first place. The Senator seemed very anxious to discuss the Agency in general terms and we had a long talk. He pointed out that he had been a FBI agent during the war involved in Soviet espionage cases and said this gets in your blood. He spoke of his acquaintance with General Carter and asked that his regards be given to the General. I extended a general and open invitation for him to meet with the General and others out at the Agency at some future time.

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3. [REDACTED] Talked with Representative George Mahon indicating that I had talked with Representative Gerald R. Ford yesterday on our basic budget problem. Mr. Mahon stated he knew we were anxious to have this matter resolved and indicated he would be in further contact with Ford but stated he would instruct Bob Michaels to prepare a basic memorandum of the facts involved. Mr. Mahon seemed fully appreciative of the Agency's concern and need for a resolution of this problem as soon as possible and appeared as if he were going to move forward on this. It was not quite as clear that he has all of the facts clearly in mind.

Followed up on the above by meeting with Bob Michaels. See Memorandum for the Record.